

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 31 (cancelled).

32. (currently amended) A method for code division switching at an originating terminal, ~~said originating terminal being located within a microport cell of a terrestrial wireless network at a given instant of time, where said network interfaces with an access radio port,~~ comprising the steps of:

spreading a transmission signal by a PN-code assigned to an intended receiving port;

inserting an identifier of a few bits for identifying a user;

spreading payload data by an orthogonal code;

spreading the orthogonal spread payload data signal by the PN-code ~~identifying the user with payload data;~~ and

forwarding said PN-code spread transmission signal and said twice spread payload data signal to an access radio port.

33. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein said wireless network is a CDMA network.

34. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein said orthogonal code is a Walsh code.

35. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein spreading the transmission signal by the PN-code further comprises forming a preamble which is prepended to a packet.

36. (Previously presented) A method for code division switching at an originating access radio port of a terrestrial wireless network, where said access radio port interfaces with a plurality of terminal users located within one or more microport cells, comprising the steps of:

- despreading a transmission signal by orthogonal code assignments to recover microport groupings and route said microport groupings accordingly;
- directing the transmission signal within the same access node according to the orthogonal code assignment; and
- downconverting to an intermediate frequency.

37. (Previously presented) A method for code division switching at an originating access radio port of a terrestrial wireless network, where said access radio port interfaces with a plurality of terminal users located within one or more microport cells, comprising the steps of:

- despreading a transmission signal by orthogonal code assignments to recover microport groupings and route said microport groupings accordingly;
- translating the orthogonal code assignments to a packet address identifying a destination microport augmented to identify a destination access node; and
- downconverting to an intermediate frequency.

38. (currently amended) A method for code division switching at an originating terminal, said originating terminal being located within a microport cell of a terrestrial wireless network at a

given instant in time, where said network interfaces with an access radio port, comprising the steps of:

- spreading a transmission signal by a PN-code assigned to an intended receiving port;
- inserting an identifier of a few bits for identifying a user;
- receiving a transmission signal from an originating terminal user, containing individual user data;
- spreading payload data by an orthogonal code;
- spreading the orthogonal spread payload data signal by the PN-code ~~identifying the user with payload data~~; and
- forwarding said PN-code spread transmission signal and said twice spread payload data signal to an access radio port.

39. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 38, wherein said terrestrial wireless network is a CDMA network.

40. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 38, wherein said spreading code is a PN-code.

41. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 38, wherein said orthogonal code sequence is a Walsh code.

42. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 38, wherein said first spreading step by said PN-code forms a preamble which is prepended to a packet.

43. (Previously presented) A method for code division switching at an originating access radio port of a terrestrial wireless network, where said access radio port interfaces with a

plurality of terminal users located within one or more microport cells, comprising the steps of:

despreading a transmission signal by orthogonal code assignments to recover microport groupings and route said microport groupings accordingly;

translating the orthogonal code assignments to a packet address identifying a destination microport augmented to identify a destination access node;

downconverting to an intermediate frequency;

placing said despread transmission signal into a packet with said packet address; and transmitting said packet to an access node for further transmission over a network.

44. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 43, wherein said network is a private wireline network.

45. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 43, wherein said network is a packet switched network.

46. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 43, wherein said terrestrial wireless network is a CDMA network.

47. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 44, wherein said private network interfaces with a public network via a routing node.

48. (Previously presented) A method for code division switching at a destination access radio port of a terrestrial wireless network, where said access radio port interfaces with a plurality of terminal users located within one or more microport cells, comprising the steps of:

receiving a packet switched transmission signal from an access node via a network;

translating a packet address into an orthogonal code sequence;
respreading said orthogonal code sequence into a transmission signal at an intermediate frequency;
upconverting said respread transmission signal; and
transmitting said respread upconverted transmission signal over the air to a destination terminal user.

49 - 52. (cancelled)

53. (currently amended) A method for code division switching used for interfacing a terrestrial wireless network with a network, where said wireless network interfaces with a plurality of wireless terminal users, comprising the steps of:

spreading a transmission signal by a PN-code assigned to an intended receiving port;
inserting an identifier of a few bits for identifying a user;
spreading payload data by an orthogonal code;
spreading the orthogonal spread payload data signal by the PN-code identifying the user with payload data;

forwarding, at the originating terminal, said PN-code spread transmission signal and said twice spread payload data signal to an access radio port;

despreading, at an originating access radio port, the transmission signal by orthogonal code assignments to recover microport groupings and route said microport groupings accordingly;

translating, at the originating access radio port, the orthogonal code assignments to a packet address identifying a destination microport augmented to identify a destination access node;

downconverting, at the originating access radio port, to an intermediate frequency;

depositing, at the originating access radio port, said despread transmission signal into a packet with said packet address;

transmitting, from the originating access radio port, said packet to an originating access node for further transmission over a network;

receiving, at a destination access radio port, said packet switched transmission signal from a destination access node via a core network;

translating a packet address into an orthogonal code sequence;

respreading said orthogonal code sequence into a transmission signal at an intermediate frequency;

upconverting said respread transmission signal; and

transmitting said respread upconverted transmission signal over the air to a destination terminal user.

54. (Previously presented) A method for code division switching used for interfacing a terrestrial wireless network with a core network, where said wireless network interfaces with a plurality of wireless terminal users, comprising the steps of:

spreading a transmission signal by a PN-code assigned to an intended receiving port;

inserting an identifier of a few bits for identifying a user;

spreading payload data by an orthogonal code;

spreading the orthogonal spread payload data signal by the PN-code identifying the user with payload data;

forwarding, at the originating terminal, said PN-code spread transmission signal and said twice spread payload data signal to an access radio port;

despreading, at an originating access radio port, the transmission signal by orthogonal code assignments to recover microport groupings and route said microport groupings accordingly;

directing the transmission signal within the same access node according to the orthogonal code assignments;

downconverting, at the originating access radio port, to an intermediate frequency;

depositing, at the originating access radio port, said despread transmission signal into a packet with said packet address;

transmitting, from the originating access radio port, said packet to an originating access node for further transmission over a network;

receiving, at a destination access radio port, said packet switched transmission signal from a destination access node via a core network;

translating a packet address into an orthogonal code sequence;

respreading said orthogonal code sequence into a transmission signal at an intermediate frequency;

upconverting said respread transmission signal; and

transmitting said respread upconverted transmission signal over the air to a destination terminal user.

55. (previously amended) The method according to claim 53, wherein spreading the transmission signal by the PN-code further comprises forming a preamble which is prepended to a packet.

56. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein said first spreading step by said PN-code forms a preamble which is prepended to a packet.